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IN REPLY REFER TO
Engineering & Technical Services
Regulatory Office
File No. 06-225-000-0

Catherine Glidden
Surface Transportation Board- Case Control Unit
Washington, District of Columbia 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Glidden:

This letter is in reply to your Environmental Assessment (EA) dated February 14, 2006, titled, *Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated- Abandonment Exemption- in Genesee County, MI, STB Docket No. AB-31, (Sub. No. 40X)*, which was received by this office on February 21, 2006. The EA reviewed the proposed abandonment of a portion of Grand Trunk Western railroad located between Linden Road and Corunna Road, in Flint, Michigan (Sections 21, 22, and 28, T7N, R6E, Genesee County).

In 1984, a portion of the Corps' regulatory responsibilities was assumed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). This proposed project site is within the assumed area. Unless otherwise notified, a separate authorization from the Corps is not required; however, a permit must be obtained from the DEQ. Therefore, we recommend that you contact Mr. Rick Schramm of the DEQ at, Land and Water Management Division, 525 West Allegan Street, 1st Floor, South Tower, Lansing, Michigan, 48933, or at (517) 335-6010, for a determination of State permit requirements. Furthermore, please be aware that this office has no concerns over abandoning railroad lines in Michigan, unless it involves work and/or discharge of fill material in navigable waters of the United States, and/or in any adjacent wetlands.

Thank you for giving the Corps the opportunity to review this EA regarding the proposed project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the above address or at (313) 226-1326. Please refer to File Number: 06-225-000-0.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sanchez
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Enclosure

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